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1. UNDER GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR PRESSURE CENTRAL BANK'S (CB) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TARIFF POLICY (CAPA) IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AN ANTI-DUMPING CODE WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE BASED ON GATT ARTICLE 6 AND THE U.S. ANTI-DUMPING ACT OF 1921. DURING FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER CB HAD HELD CONSULTATIONS IN SANTIAGO WITH G. SCOTT SHREVE, CHIEF, TECHNICAL BRANCH, ASSESSMENT DIVISION, OFFICE OF OPERATION CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS, WHO CONDUCTED A SEMINAR FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AGENCIES OF GOC.

2. IN HIS PRESENTATIONS, SHREVE LAID EMPHASIS ON THE EXISTENCE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMMUNITY, WITH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY. ANY CHILEAN LEGISLATION CONTRARY TO THESE ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES WOULD GENERATE INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, SHREVE WARNED. HE SHOWED HOW THE U.S. LAW CONFORMED TO GATT AND TO THE CODE, AND THAT THE U.S. APPLIED THE LAW IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CODE.

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3. EMBASSY HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT CAPA WILL PRODUCE AN ANTI-DUMPING LAW ONLY TO HEAD OFF PRESSURE FROM CHILEAN MANUFACTURERS SEEKING SPECIAL PROTECTION AGAINST FOREIGN, CHIEFLY ARGENTINE, COMPETITION. CAPA OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DUMPING PRACTICES, IF ANY, SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT CHILEAN IMPORTS.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT THESE DEVELOPMENTS.
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